

a collator to collate the biological information of the bearer acquired by the acquiring portion with the individual information read from the TD of the bearer by the reader;

an examination portion to examine authenticity of the TD based on the specific information read from the TD by the reader and determine whether to approve the passing of the bearer based on whether the biological information of the bearer and the individual information read from the TD of the bearer are in agreement as a result of collation by the collator;

a passing ticket issuer to issue a passing ticket to the bearer only when the bearer is approved to pass by the examination portion and to withhold issuance of the passing ticket if the bearer is not approved; and

a gate to approve the passage of the bearer by accepting the passing ticket issued by the passing ticket issuer to the bearer who is approved to pass thereby to prevent the bearer who is not approved from passing the gate without the passing ticket.

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8. (Twice Amended) A passing examination system comprising:

an insertion port to receive a Travel Document (TD) recording individual information which specifies a bearer;

a reader to read the individual information from the TD and specific information printed on the TD after the TD is inserted into the insertion port by the bearer;

a first acquiring portion to acquire biological information of the bearer;

a first collator to collate the biological information of the bearer acquired by the first acquiring portion with the individual information read from the TD of the bearer by the reader;

a first examination portion to examine authenticity of the TD based on the specific

information read from the TD by the reader and determine whether to approve the passing of the bearer based on whether the biological information of the bearer and the individual information read from the TD of the bearer are in agreement as a result of collation by the first collator;

a passing ticket issuer to issue a passing ticket recording the biological information that has been collated by the first collator to the bearer only when the bearer is approved to pass by the first examination portion and to withhold issuance of the passing ticket if the bearer is not approved;

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a first gate to accept an inserted passing ticket issued to the bearer who is approved to pass by the passing ticket issuer, approving the passage of the bearer in a first direction and returning the accepted passing ticket to the bearer thereby to prevent the bearer who is not approved from passing the gate without the passing ticket;

a passing ticket insertion port to accept the passing ticket inserted by the bearer when the bearer moves in a second direction opposite to the first direction after the bearer passes the first gate in the first direction;

a passing ticket reader to read the biological information from the passing ticket inserted into the passing ticket insertion port by the bearer;

a second acquiring portion to acquire biological information of the bearer;

a second collator to collate the biological information of the bearer acquired by the second acquiring portion with the biological information read from the passing ticket by the passing ticket reader;

a second examination portion to approve the passage of the bearer based on whether the biological information of the bearer and the individual information read from the TD of the bearer are in agreement as a result of collation by the second collator; and

a second gate to permit the passage of the bearer in the second direction based on

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the approval of the passage of the bearer by the second examination portion.

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11. (Twice Amended) A passing examination method, comprising:  
accepting an inserted TD containing individual information specifying a bearer of  
the TD;  
reading the individual information from the TD and specific information printed on  
the TD after the TD is inserted by the bearer;  
acquiring biological information of the bearer;  
collating the acquired biological information of the bearer with the individual  
information read from the TD of the bearer;  
examining authenticity of the TD based on the specific information read from the  
TD by the reader and whether to approve the passing of the bearer based on whether the  
biological information of the bearer and the individual information read from the TD of  
the bearer are in agreement as a result of the collation;  
issuing a passing ticket to the bearer only when the bearer is approved to pass an  
immigration gate by the examination and to withhold issuance of the passing ticket if the  
bearer is not approved; and  
approving the passage of the bearer by accepting the inserted passing ticket thereby  
to prevent the bearer who is not approved from passing the gate without the passing ticket.

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18. (Twice Amended) A passing examination method, comprising:  
accepting a Travel Document (TD) recording individual information specifying a  
bearer;  
reading the individual information from the TD and specific information printed on  
the TD, wherein the TD is inserted into an insertion port by the bearer;

acquiring the biological information of the bearer;

collating the acquired biological information of the bearer with the individual information read from the TD;

examining authenticity of the TD based on the specific information read from the TD by the reader and whether to approve the passing of the bearer based on whether the biological information of the bearer and the individual information read from the TD of the bearer are in agreement as a result of the collation;

issuing a passing ticket recording the collated biological information to the bearer only when the bearer is approved to pass a gate in the examination and to withhold issuance of the passing ticket if the bearer is not approved;

approving the bearer to pass the gate in a first direction by accepting the passing ticket after the passing ticket is inserted by the bearer who is approved to pass and returning the accepted passing ticket to the bearer thereby to prevent the bearer who is not approved from passing the gate without the passing ticket;

accepting the passing ticket after the returned passing ticket is inserted again when the bearer moves in a second direction opposite to the first direction after the bearer passes in the first direction;

reading the biological information recorded on the passing ticket that is inserted by the bearer;

acquiring the bearer's biological information;

examining whether to approve the passing of the bearer based on whether the biological information of the bearer and the individual information read from the TD of the bearer are in agreement as a result of the collation; and

approving the passing of the bearer in the second direction.